

## CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 11-19-12	NEED RESPONSE BY: 11-26-12
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: County of Ventura	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: CalFresh ICT process/ TCF early recertification	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): ACL 11-22	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).  ACL 11-22	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Per ACL 11-22 Transitional CalFresh households are excluded from the ICT process, also per ACL 11-22 Households that move during their last month of certification are excluded from the ICT process. Both are discontinued in the original county and must reapply in the new county. Transitional CalFresh households are now subject to the recertification process when they reach the 5th month or may request an early recertification if it is beneficial to do so.

What is the process for Transitional CalFresh recertifications and early Transitional CalFresh recertifications for households that have moved to a new county? Does the county discontinue the Transitional CalFresh benefits for the household in the fifth month (or when requested by client) without an ICT and without recertifying or does the county recertify the household and then initiate the ICT process after the recertification is completed?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Because ACL 11-22 says to exclude Transitional CalFresh households and households who move in the last month of the certification period we believe CalFresh benefits should be terminated at the end of the 5th month and advise the households to apply in the new county, instead of completing recertifications and sending the case by ICT in the first month of the new certification period.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

ACL 11-70 required a change from a household-initiated to a more county-initiated process, and the household (HH) must be given the opportunity to recertify. Although the HH moved to another county before it had the opportunity to request recertification and an ICT, Ventura County should advise the HH that they may complete recertification with Ventura County rather than Ventura County discontinuing benefits and advising the HH to reapply in the new county. After recertification is completed, Ventura County should initiate an ICT. This process would preclude the potential interruption of benefits and provide the HH with continuous participation.

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